

SECTION 8. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The following goals and objectives were developed to address community concerns described in the Analysis of Needs (Section 7) and to build on the goals expressed in the Town's ongoing initiatives related to climate resilience, natural resource management, and recreation planning.

Goal 1. Protect the natural environment to retain its important functions and values, and help Arlington adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Objective 1.A. Improve the quality and functioning of the Town's waterways and wetlands to support aquatic life and biodiversity.

Objective 1.B. Protect undeveloped lands that have ecological value, wildlife corridor connections, and habitats for native flora and fauna, or that present opportunities to restore natural systems.

Objective 1.C. Protect, enhance, and diversify the Town's tree canopy.

Objective 1.D. Ensure that public and private investments support and enhance the resilience of the Town's natural environment.

Objective 1.E. Coordinate protection of the natural environment with other climate resilience and adaptation plans and goals.

Goal 2. Ensure that the Town's recreational facilities, conservation areas, and other public spaces meet local needs and are accessible, safe, and welcoming for all.

Objective 2.A. Ensure that public and private investments support and build upon the Town's recreational facilities, conservation areas, and other public spaces.

Objective 2.B. Improve the Town's sidewalks, streets, and recreational corridors to make them safer and more accessible for all users.

Objective 2.C. Ensure that the Town's recreational areas and programming meet local needs and are safe and accessible for all users.

Objective 2.D. Provide equitable access to and use of Town open space and recreation opportunities.

Goal 3. Support local and regional capacity to meet the needs for recreational opportunities, natural resource protection, and overall resource management to be resilient to climate change.

Objective 3.A. Sustain and increase Town staff and funding resources to manage conservation areas, recreational facilities, and other public spaces to meet community needs, climate resilience, and adaptation goals.

Objective 3.B. Support and participate in state and regional recreation, open space, and climate resilience planning initiatives.

Objective 3.C. Strengthen the Open Space Committee's ability to oversee implementation of the OSRP.

Goal 4. Build environmental stewardship and public awareness of the Town's recreational facilities, conservation areas, and other public spaces.

Objective 4.A. Support volunteer groups involved with recreational facilities, conservation areas, and other public spaces.

Objective 4.B. Promote environmental stewardship and climate resilience information to help users

protect the Town's natural environment and their own properties.

Objective 4.C. Increase public awareness and encourage the use of the Town's natural areas, recreational facilities, and other public spaces.

Objective 4.D. Expand and enhance opportunities to utilize nontraditional open spaces.



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